

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
JUDICIARY**

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by **Representative Paul Condino**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Condino, Coulouris, Bieda, Corriveau, Meadows, Meisner, Scott, Virgil Smith, Warren, Schuitmaker, Elsenheimer, Rick Jones and Rocca.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives David Law and Stakoe.

Representative Coulouris moved to adopt the minutes of **January 9, 2008**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Schuitmaker moved to excuse absent members from the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Condino laid **HB 4402, HB 4403, HB 4404** and **HB 4405** before the committee:

HB 4402	Condino	Crimes; penalties; penalties for certain crimes of imprisonment for life without parole eligibility; amend Michigan penal code to exclude application to juvenile offenders.
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HB 4403	Virgil Smith	Criminal procedure; sentencing; sentencing juvenile to imprisonment for life without parole eligibility; amend probate code of 1939 to prohibit.
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HB 4404	Meadows	Criminal procedure; sentencing; sentencing individual convicted as a juvenile to imprisonment for life without parole eligibility; prohibit.
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HB 4405	Robert Jones	Corrections; parole; parole of certain juvenile offenders sentenced to imprisonment for life; allow.
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TESTIMONY

Deb Labelle, Ann Arbor attorney, testified in support of the bills.

Paul Long, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, testified in support of the bills.

Tim Metts, representing the Diocese of Lansing, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Sheryl Pimlott Kubiak, a Michigan State University professor, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Gary and Linda Conat, testified in support of the bills.

Rob Moran, Director of the Homicide Unit, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, testified in opposition to the bills.

Mike Thomas, Saginaw County Prosecutor, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bills.

Dr. John Telford, representing the Team for Justice (Detroit), testified in support of the bills.

Barbara Lundberg, representing Craig Whilby, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Denise Chandler, representing Craig Whilby, testified in support of the bills.

Karl Clark, representing Damion Todd, testified in support of the bills.

Sue Pollack testified in support of the bills.

Katie and Bruce Cameron testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Vice Chair Coulouris assumed the chair at 11:15 a.m.

Chairman Condino resumed the chair at 11:30 a.m.

Jackie Huie and **Dawn Williams**, representing Michael Johnson #159608, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Rebecca Medina, a retired teacher, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Alia Charara testified in support of the bills.

Emily Wezner, a University of Michigan - Dearborn student, testified in support of the bills.

Eric Praedel, a University of Michigan - Dearborn student, testified in support of the bills.

Mark Fancher, representing the ACLU of Michigan, testified in support of the bills.

Sandra Berry Hankins, Ysabel Benjamin and Felicia Tyson, testified in support of the bills.

Rev. Bill Kellerman, representing the St. Peter's Episcopal Church, testified in support of the bills.

Maria Zavala, representing Efren Paredes, Jr., testified in support of the bills.

Raynard Ross, Kent County Juvenile Detention Center supervisor, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Anthony Grignani, testified in support of the bills.

Monica Jahner, representing Amy Black and Jennifer Pruitt, testified in support of the bills.

Sandra Girard, representing the Prison Legal Services of Michigan, Inc., testified in support of the bills.

Jody (Cotaling) Robinson, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bills.

Marlis Pocius, testified in support of the bills.

Joshua Redick, testified in support of the bills.

Marva Griffin, representing James Griffin #168355, testified in support of the bills.

Mary McDonald, testified in support of the bills.

Michael Marutiak, Chair of the Prisons and Corrections Section, State Bar of Michigan, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Betty Strunk, representing Karl Strunk, testified in support of the bills.

Julie Keifer, testified in support of the bills.

Ysabel Benejam, representing Second Chance Legislation for Convicted Youth (SCL), testified in support of the bills.

Deborah Moorehead, testified in support of the bills.

Alfrieda Stocks, representing Barbara Hernandez, testified in support of the bills.

Penny Ryder, representing the American Friends Service Committee, testified in support of the bills.

James McLemore, representing Patrick McLemore, testified in support of the bills.

Sonia Crutchfield, representing Second Chance Legislation (SCL), Mario Bueno #165821, testified in support of the bills.

Yolanda Renae Bryant, testified in support of the bills.

The following people submitted a card and did not wish to speak:

Dr. James Dankovich supports the bills.

Sarah Carswell, representing the Prison Creative Arts Project and the American Friends Service Committee, supports the bills.

Keyona Espree, representing Antonio Espree, supports the bills.

Ruby McGraw, representing Ephren Paredes, supports the bills.

Elizabeth Watts, representing Devon R. Watts #248773, supports the bills.

Linda Keefe supports the bills.

Barbara Levine, representing the Citizens Alliance on Prisons & Public Spending (CAPPS), supports the bills.

Penny Adrian, representing the Advocacy, Re-entry, Resources & Outreach Organization (ARRO), supports the bills.

Michelle Weemhoff, representing the Campaign for Justice, supports the bills.

Mario Rea supports the bills.

Ed Conway, representing ITT Technical Institute - Criminal Justice, supports the bills.

LaDonna Martinez, a criminal justice student, supports the bills.

Jennifer Barnes, a criminal justice student, supports the bills.

Amanda Huey, a criminal justice student, supports the bills.

Kristen Mitchell, a criminal justice student, supports the bills.

Connie Pontremoli, a criminal justice student, supports the bills.

Eddie Circhia, representing James Griffin #168355, supports the bills.

Ayanna Solgate, representing Mario Henderson #212651 and Darryl Woods #212752, supports the bills.

Chris Robinson, representing Jim Cotaling, opposes the bills.

Patricia McLemore, representing Second Chances, supports the bills.

Amanda Sutherland supports the bills.

Madeline Brooks supports the bills.

Ramiro Chavira, representing Second Chances, supports the bills.

Maria Chavira, representing Second Chances, supports the bills.

Tashauna Green, representing the Second Chance Legislation (SCL), supports the bills.

N. Sizemore supports the bills.

Barbara Haywood, representing Second Chances, supports the bills.

Terry L. Davis, representing Second Chances, supports the bills.

Alejandra Lemos supports the bills.

Rosalinda Perez, representing Second Chances, supports the bills.

Antonio Rodriguez, representing Second Chances, supports the bills.

Suzanne Carigon, representing Timothy Carigon #254039, supports the bills.

Anthony Bass, representing the Second Chance Legislation (SCL), supports the bills.

The following people submitted written testimony and did not speak:

JoEllen Carigon Priest, representing Timothy R. Carigon #254039, submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Dale Daverman submitted written testimony.

Elizabeth Arnovits, Executive Director of the Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency, submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Shelli Weisberg, Legislative Director, ACLU of Michigan, submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

Steve Schofield, Executive Director of the Michigan Juvenile Justice Project, submitted written testimony in support of the bills.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Representative Paul Condino, Chair
House Standing Committee on Judiciary
Malika Abdur-Rashid
Committee Clerk
517-373-7256
3 Hours 50 Minutes